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# THINK FOOD

## School Nutrition Programs

### March 2010

#### USDA FOODS SHIPMENTS

The end of the 2009-10 school year is fast approaching. The Office of Public Instruction Food Distribution has two remaining shipments, Shipment 9 (dry) and Shipment 10 (Frz). Shipping will begin on February 22 and March 15 respectively.



There are still USDA Foods available to those schools that have entitlement dollars left. Both the Remaining Entitlement and Available USDA Foods lists have been updated and can be found by going to the Food Distribution Web page at [http://www.opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School\\_Nutrition/index.html#p7GPc1\\_6](http://www.opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School_Nutrition/index.html#p7GPc1_6).

E-mail your request for additional food items to the OPI Food Distribution office at [juwilson@mt.gov](mailto:juwilson@mt.gov). The order deadline for Shipment 9 is **February 10, 2010**, and the order deadline for Shipment 10 is **March 3, 2010**.

#### TEAM NUTRITION GRANT OPPORTUNITY

The Montana Team Nutrition (MTN) Program is offering a competitive grant opportunity in support of the school wellness policy implementation efforts. With funds from the 2009 USDA Team Nutrition Training Grant, the Office of Public Instruction will award ten \$5,000 mini grants to school districts that participate in the National School Lunch and/or Breakfast Programs.

This *School Wellness Policy in Action Mini Grant* is being offered in response to the need for increased support for school wellness policy implementation at the local level. The purpose of the grant is to support the creation of sustainable healthy school nutrition environments. Grant goals are:



a) to partially fund a school wellness coordinator to direct wellness activities; or

b) to carry out action steps of school

wellness policy implementation plans.

A total of \$50,000 for mini grants (up to \$5,000 each) will be awarded to school districts through a competitive process. For details and the grant application go to [http://www.opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School\\_Nutrition/index.html#gpm1\\_9](http://www.opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School_Nutrition/index.html#gpm1_9).

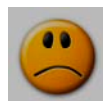
Please share this information with administrators or school personnel. **The application must be received at the Team Nutrition office by March 5, 2010.**

### **SPRING ABC MEETINGS**

The spring Advisory, Bid, Commodity Council (ABC) will be meeting in early March. Meetings are scheduled for March 2 in Miles City, March 4 in Missoula and March 5 in Great Falls.

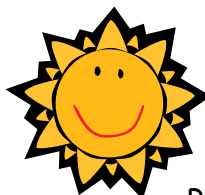
Send agenda items that you would like discussed at the meetings to Brenda Peppers at [ppeppers@mt.gov](mailto:ppeppers@mt.gov).

For more information about the committee and/or becoming a member visit the OPI Cooperative Purchase Web site at [http://www.opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School\\_Nutrition/index.html#gpm1\\_3](http://www.opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School_Nutrition/index.html#gpm1_3).



### **BONUS UHT MILK ORDER CANCELLED**

We are sorry to announce that the truckload of bonus UHT Milk has been cancelled. The USDA has not made the purchase and the delivery period was moved to a later date.



### **SUMMER IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER**

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) was created to serve nutritious meals to children when National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program meals are not available and to ensure that all children receive proper nutrition throughout the year.

The application deadline for being an SFSP sponsor this year is **April 30, 2010** for previous year sponsors, and **May 21, 2010** for new sponsors.

Contact Sofia Janik by telephone at (406) 444-2521 or (406) 444-2501. Information is also available on the Office of Public Instruction School Nutrition Program Web site at [http://www.opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School\\_Nutrition/Summer.html](http://www.opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School_Nutrition/Summer.html).

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!**